

# CARRIER PLANES HIT JAP FLEET

## Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

**Weather News**  
June 21, 1944

Max. (June 20)	84	Min.	41
Precipitation last 24 hours	.34		
Stream year to date	9.30		
Normal	11.80	Last year	17.14

Forecast: Showers.

## Naval Battle May Develop

By LEIF ERICKSON  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 21 (AP)—American carrier planes attacked a strong Japanese fleet including aircraft carriers and battleships midway between Luzon and Saipan before dusk Monday in the first day of an action which Admiral Chester W. Nimitz hopes may develop into a decisive naval battle, the Pacific fleet commander's communique announced today.

The communique said: "Enemy losses and our own losses have not yet been assessed."  
With tonightfall the American aerial attack on the enemy ships presumably had to be broken off.

### RUSSIANS ADVANCE TOWARD HELSINKI

LONDON, June 21 (AP)—Victorious Russian troops who occupied Finland's fortress seaport of Viipuri yesterday drove on today toward the capital city of Helsinki, where the Germans were reported exerting pressure to keep their small ally from suing for peace with Premier Joseph Stalin.

(Russian troops "have advanced three miles beyond Viipuri," the British radio said today in a broadcast heard in New York by CBS.)  
The Finnish radio, which told of the Russian advance, urged all persons whose presence was not essential, to evacuate Helsinki, which lies approximately 135 air-line miles west of Viipuri.

Salvoes Fired  
Twenty salvoes from 224 guns boomed in Moscow last night following Stalin's order of the day announcing the fall of that city to Marshal Leonid Govorov's Leningrad army after a smashing 11-day offensive.

The Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter said that the Germans were endeavoring to block formation of a Finnish "peace cabinet" which Finns asserted would be formed "very soon" as a result of the Russian successes.

"Helpless"  
A Finnish informant in Stockholm said loss of the key Karelian fortifications "left us helpless because our whole scheme of defense was built on the expectation we would be able to hold there."  
"Our over-extended armies in eastern Karelia are now endangered," he added. "To carry on would mean falling back into the lake and forest region and fighting guerilla warfare."

The Moscow radio said Finland was on "the brink of defeat."  
Threaten Occupation  
What steps the Germans would take to try to keep Finland in the war were uncertain. A Stockholm report said Germans were threatening occupation of three Finnish ports along a 70-mile (Continued on Page Six)

### Tokyo Reports Battleship Lost

By The Associated Press  
The Tokyo radio asserted today that an American battleship listed in a Japanese communique yesterday as sunk by Japanese planes off the Marianas was the 35,000-ton North Carolina class "and went down to a watery grave the night of June 15 off the Marianas."

### Jap Council Hears Report on Raid

NEW YORK, June 21 (AP)—The Tokyo radio said the Japanese privy council heard a report today by Home Minister Kichisaburo Ando "in connection with the damages suffered by the recent air raid on northern Kyushu"—the Japanese mainland area hit last week by American Super-Fortresses.

### Gunner Bombs Berlin by Hand

A U. S. BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, June 21 (AP)—Sgt. Kenneth Peners, South Minneapolis, Minn., a Liberator ball turret gunner, bombed Berlin by hand today.

### 23 Republicans Leave for Confab

PORTLAND, June 21 (AP)—Twenty-three of the republican delegates, alternates and party officials who will represent Oregon at the republican national convention will leave here tonight.

### Berlin, Outskirts Blasted by American Heavy Bombers

By GLADWIN HILL  
LONDON, June 21 (AP)—More than 1000 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators blasted Berlin and the capital's outskirts today and the German radio indicated that at least some of the planes flew on eastward from Britain to new American bases in Russia.

The bomber fleet had an escort of around 1000 fighters, making a total force of some 2000 planes which carried the aerial war once more to the heart of the German homeland.  
Basdorf, on Berlin's outskirts, also was blasted.  
German broadcasts admitted damage, and casualties and threatened to retaliate with "bigger and more powerful explosives" than those used in the current rocket bomb offensive.

First Liberator fliers back at British bases said there was plenty of flak over the targets but they did not see a single German fighter a rare occurrence in raids on the hub of Germany.

# Americans Hit Cherbourg Lines

## Fall Of Port Expected Soon

### FUEL DIFFICULTIES BLAMED IN HEARING

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THE Japs have obviously been SAVING UP their fleet for some great emergency purpose. Time and again they have declined battle. THIS may be the emergency they have been saving up for. With us firmly planted in the Marianas, grim possibilities stare them in the face.

WE have great naval strength in the Pacific. In addition, Admiral King (top navy commander) speaks in Washington today of arrangements with the British for naval co-operation in the Jap war.

The British are known to have considerable naval strength in the Asiatic theater.

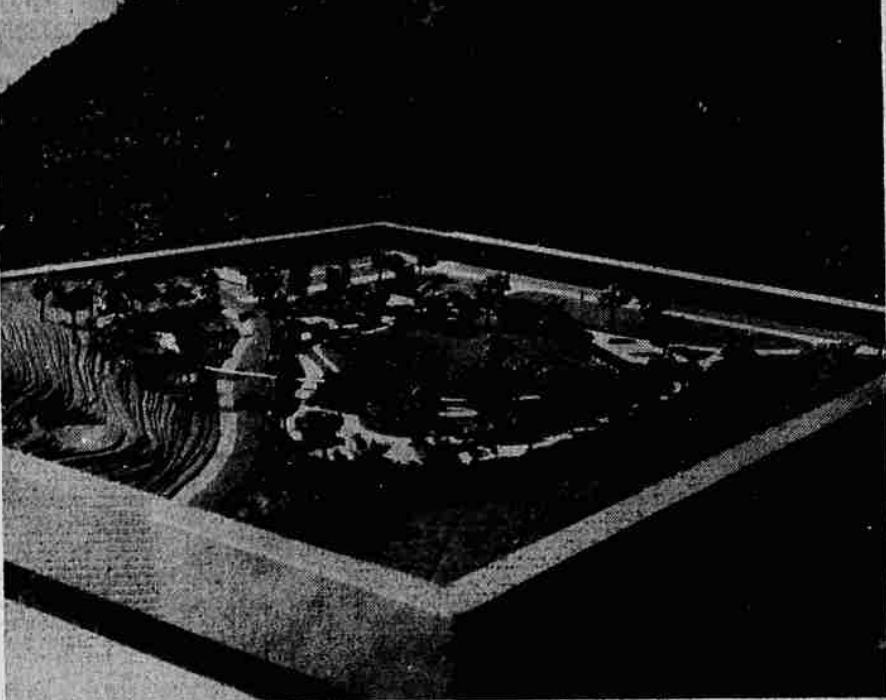
OUR commanders are confident. Nimitz says our fleet "packs sufficient power to be favorable to us in a decisive engagement." King expresses appreciation for "the long-expected co-operation of the Japanese navy in apparently moving into battle position."

We have land-based planes (to supplement our carrier planes) within reach of almost the entire prospective battle area—Marshall's bombers in New Guinea and other planes that have probably been landed already on the field we have taken at Saipan.

On the other hand, the Japs have the advantage of being close to their bases, whereas we are more than 1000 miles from our nearest base in the Marshalls.

THE news of the next few days (perhaps even hours) will be watched with acute and anxious interest by all of us. IF the Japs risk their entire fleet in one mighty battle and IF they are disastrously the end of the Jap war will be far nearer than any of us have dared to imagine. That is almost too much to hope for, but we can't help hoping.

### Model Shows Proposed Malin Park



This picture shows a model of the proposed park development on a site just north of Malin. Freeholders in the Malin area will vote June 27 on a proposal to form a recreational district and elect directors. Already, \$42,000 in cash has been gathered for the park program. The model, by Architect Sheldon Brumbaugh, shows plans for landscaping, a swimming pool, community auditorium, caretaker's cottage, band concert facilities, roads and paths.

### JURORS RETURN FOUR INDICTMENTS

Four indictments were returned by the grand jury Tuesday afternoon at the end of a two-day secret session. The grand jury recessed yesterday, to reconvene at 10 a. m. July 10, for a further consideration of certain matters under investigation and not yet completed.

Termed by the grand jury as true bills were indictments against Charles Weldon Wright, charged with rape; Gordon Donald Vassey, charged with disorderly conduct; LeRoy Lucian, accused of larceny from an automobile and Allen Elie Jones, charged with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

### Flood Control Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—A \$1,000,000,000 program of flood control work after the war was approved today by the senate commerce committee.

**Baseball Scores**

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
First game:	R. H. E.
Washington	..... 3 6 0
New York	..... 4 12 0

Haefner and Ferrell; Donald, Johnson (7), Turner (7), and Hemsley.

### Forrestal Warns Against 'Idealistic' Disarmament

PRINCETON, N. J., June 21 (AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal said today that when peace comes the American people must realize they are not immune from war, whenever or wherever it starts.

"We must not permit 'our own idealism' to persuade us to disarm," he said.  
An international organization, he added, eventually may achieve a guaranty of peace, but while it is being created peace may be obtained only through the existence of the armed forces of the United States and her allies.

"Great Elements"  
As one of the great elements of that force the navy must be maintained after the war, he said in an address prepared for a special convocation at Princeton university where he received an honorary L.L.D. degree.

"We must not destroy our existing naval power or accept limitations upon our ability to add to it, either qualitatively or quantitatively, while others who have no real faith in the possibility of world peace are left free to arm," Forrestal said.

### Defenders Hurlled Out of Perugia; British Advance

ROME, June 21 (AP)—Eight army veterans have hurled the last stubborn Nazi defenders out of ancient Perugia, communications hub 85 miles north of Rome, and advanced some four miles north of the city, allied headquarters said today.

The allied drive still was in steady motion although the Germans had thrown the elements of seven divisions against the right flank of the fifth army's front in an effort to slow its pace. But the fifth fought through four more villages, making what headquarters termed "minor tactical gains."

It was disclosed that the fifth army has taken prisoners from the western perimeter of the 19th Luftwaffe division (Continued on Page Six)

### Gen. Thomas Retires

CAMP WHITE, Ore., June 21 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, commander of Camp White since October, 1942, announced his retirement today and was replaced by Col. John R. Young.

### Panzer Divisions Go Into Battle

GEN. EISENHOWER'S ADVANCE COMMAND POST, June 21 (AP)—A glaring shortage of infantry in Normandy has compelled Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt to commit his prized panzer units to the actual line of battle instead of holding them in the rear as a striking weapon, and information reaching Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters today is that at least 78 Nazi tanks have been destroyed.

### Two Airdromes Taken by Yanks

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, June 21 (AP)—Two more Japanese airdromes on Biak island were in American hands today, giving the allies four airfields on the Schouten islands, off the Dutch New Guinea north coast, from which warplanes soon may attack the Philippines.

Yank infantrymen, aided by tanks and artillery, drove the Japanese from nearby ridges yesterday, then advanced almost unopposed onto Sorido and Borokoe airstrips.

### Klamath Greets First of Summer

Klamath Falls greeted the first day of summer in raincoats and galoshes as gray skies dripped steadily during the day.

Temperature for Tuesday was 64 degrees maximum and 41 minimum, and precipitation registered .34 inches.

**BARD CONFIRMED**  
WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—The senate today unanimously confirmed Ralph A. Bard of Illinois as undersecretary of the navy, succeeding James V. Forrestal, who was elevated to the secretaryship on the death of the late Frank Knox.

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the day's news

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THE weather grows viler and viler—still, apparently, in league with the Germans. A (Continued on Page Six)